



Pinellas County Schools November 2018 Webinar:

Resource Navigation for Families of Children with Disabilities

Projected Outcomes

- ❖ Identify key district resources for families regarding Students with Disabilities and Exceptional Student Education.
- ❖ Identify core agency resources and publications regarding Students with Disabilities and Exceptional Student Education.
- ❖ Increase participant awareness of Government entities that impact federal laws and state statutes for Persons with Disabilities.

KEY INFORMATION



Levels of Resources

Exceptional Student Education

Additional Resources and Publications



Levels of Resources





Government

Community

District



District Information



**PINELLAS
COUNTY
SCHOOLS**



Pinellas County Schools Staff Resources:

Schools

- Teachers
- Specialists
- Department Leads
- ESE Providers
- Administrators
- District Support
- Community Liaisons

District

- Resource Staff Support
- Parent Services
- Department Staff Developers
- Program Coordinators
- Department Specialists
- School Resource Officers
- Area Superintendents
- Superintendents
- School Board Members



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NOVEMBER IS...



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT MONTH

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Site Shortcuts

- Focus - Student Info System
- Student Registration

Latest News

Students from Pinellas Park High School win Congressional App Challenge

Upcoming Events

NOV 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Choice Fair - Dunedin



- Certification
- Charter Schools and Home Education
- Compensation

D

- Digital Learning

E

- Early Childhood Education
- Educational Alternative Services
- Elementary Education
- ElevateARTS
- Employment
- ESOL

- Exceptional Student Education (ESE)

F

- Facilities Design & Construction (FD&C)
- FDLRS Gulfcoast
- Finance and Business Services
- Food and Nutrition

- Mentoring & Tutoring
- Middle School Education
- Multicultural Committee (PMAC)

O

- Office of Equal Opportunity
- Operational Services

P

- Payroll Operations
- Performing Arts
- Personnel Records
- Pinellas County Schools Police
- Pinellas Virtual School
- Professional Development
- Purchasing

R

- Real Estate and Facility Leasing

- Student Services
- Summer Bridge
- Summer Reading

T

- Talent Acquisition
- Teaching and Learning Services
- Technology and Information Systems
- Title I
- Transformation Zone
- Transportation

U

- User Support

V

- Visual Arts

W

- World Languages



Vision: 100% Student Success
Mission: Educate and Prepare Each Student for College, Career and Life

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

301 4TH ST. SW. LARGO, FL 33770 | 727-588-6000

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► Springboard to Success

Parents of students with an IEP who are new to Pinellas County Schools should contact the Pinellas County

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Exceptional Student Education (ESE)

- Exceptional Student Education
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Disability History and Awareness
- Dyslexia Awareness Month
- ESE Advisory Committee
- ESE Community Resources
- ESE Fair
- ESE Staff
- ESE Support Professionals
- Family Engagement Month
- FDLRS
- Hospital/Homebound
- National Autism Awareness Month

Home > Departments & Divisions > Exceptional Student Education (ESE)

ESE Parent Information

The mission of Pinellas County Schools Office of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) is to provide services that support individualized learning opportunities for all students with exceptionalities.

Note to the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) webpage visitors: In the event you are requiring additional assistance in accessing the information contained on this informational/resource site, please contact the Pinellas County Schools ESE Parent Services contact person, Tracy McMannus. Email at mcmannust@pcsb.org or by phone at (727)588-6062.

Be involved by creating an ongoing line of communication with your student's educational providers. Each ESE student is assigned a classroom teacher and case manager. Your child's classroom teacher can give you the name of your child's case manager if needed. The case manager can provide information regarding your child's IEP, services providers, and progress, as well as assist the IEP team in monitoring student progress. Unresolved concerns can be addressed at an IEP meeting coordinated through the school-based case manager. Ongoing concerns can be brought to the attention of the school-based administrator, ESE liaison, ESE Specialist, or the assigned area superintendent.

Pinellas County Schools ESE Parent Services: Tracy McMannus, (727) 588-6062 or via email, mcmannust@pcsb.org.

Be informed and participate in the Pinellas County Schools [ESE Advisory Committee](#) meetings. In an effort to provide valuable assistance, the Office of Exceptional Student Education has created an electronic list serve with information regarding federal, state, district and community programs that support families of students with disabilities.

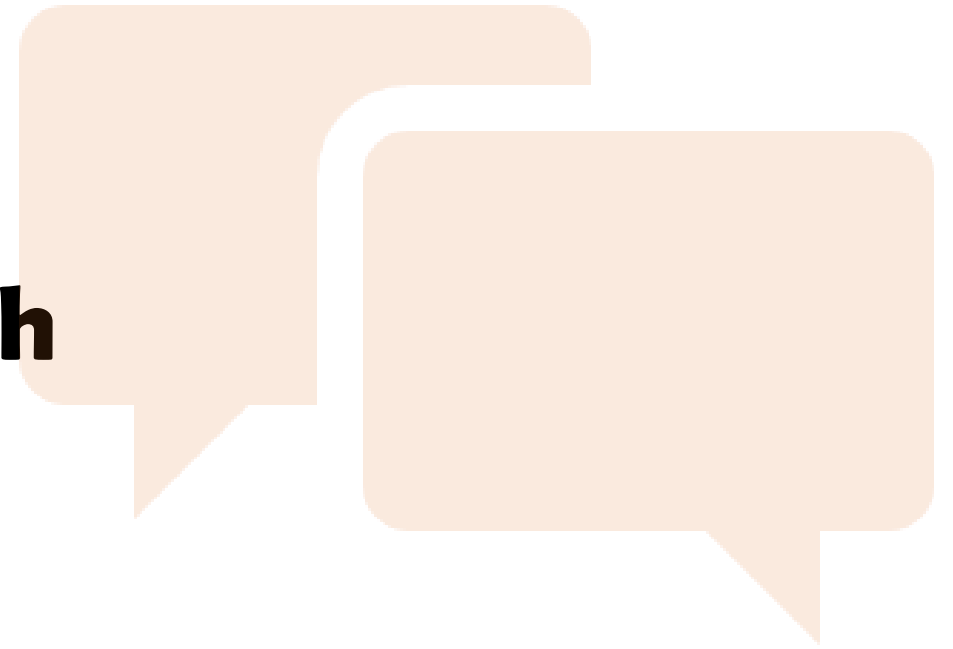
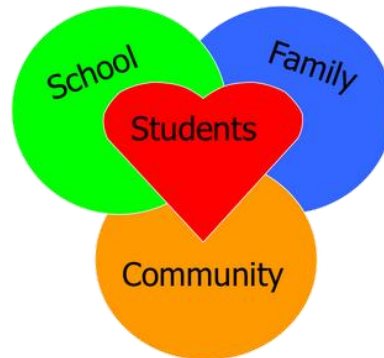
If you would like to receive information via email: [ESE Resource Information Request](#)

PCS-ESE Advisory Committee

- ❖ All Welcome!
- ❖ Visitors are Welcome. Made up of all stakeholders to include parents, students, district staff, and community agency representatives. Collaborative work to make a difference for students and families of Pinellas County Schools. Committee Membership opportunities are ongoing.
- ❖ The next ESE Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 from 6-7:30pm. Anyone interested in attending a meeting as a visitor are encouraged to contact Tracy McMannus at (727)588-6062 or via email at mcmannust @ pcsb.org.
- ❖ For more information go to: <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/1696>



Community Outreach



Community Agency/Organization Partnerships



Strategic Partnerships Office

[Programs and Partnerships](#)



FDLRS Gulfcoast

[Upcoming Events Sept. 2018](#)



**Pinellas Interagency
Council for Students
(PINC)**

[Transition Resources](#)



Pinellas
Interagency
Networking
Council for
Students

Transition Services Resource Guide

This guide was made possible by a Project SE Council grant from the Project SE Transition Education Network.

Florida Interagency Network for Cruised for Students



- Learning Disabilities**
Difficulty with reading, writing, and/or language learning and use.
- Developmental Disabilities**
Cognitive development delay.
- Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities**
Behavioral problems that interfere with learning.
- Physical Disabilities**
Including Orthopedic Impairment and Chronic Health Impairment.
- Speech and/or Language Impaired**
Difficulty with articulation or speech fluency or other language.
- Visual Impairment**
Difficulty with reading.
- Hearing Impaired**
Difficulty with hearing.
- Autism Spectrum Disorders**
See Florida Department of Education for more information.



Florida County Schools Network of Student Education Professionals

Individual Education Plans (IEPs) that will enable students to achieve postsecondary goals identified by the IEP team.
305-488-4000
www.pcs.org



AAST Florida Alliance for Assistive Devices & Technology

"Provide on-site technology demonstrations and training."
4 Tampa General Circle, Room 204
Tampa, Florida 33606
Ph: 813-444-7777
Fax: 813-444-4139
http://www.aast.org



Agency for Persons with Disabilities

"Support persons with developmental disabilities living, learning, and working in all aspects of community life."
1001 N. Tampa Street, Suite 310
Tampa, FL 33602
Ph: 813-224-4000
www.opad.org



Continuum of Care

"Serving people with all disabilities of all ages groups and their families in Florida's 12 counties."
3000 N. Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33711
Ph: 727-424-4100
http://www.continuumofcare.org



Workforce Rehabilitation

"Consulting and guidance, job placement, training, workplace, supported employment, physical adaptation, mental adaptation, vocational rehabilitation, on-the-job training, and transportation assistance."
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
300 N. Avenue South, Suite 310
St. Petersburg, Florida 33710
Ph: 727-424-4100
Fax: 727-424-4100
www.vrfla.org



Florida Department of Transportation

"The public's most provider in transportation."
300 N. Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33714
Ph: 727-424-4100
www.psta.net



Florida Department of Transportation

"Network of state and federally funded highways throughout Florida. Support services are provided to ensure safe, efficient, and reliable transportation."
300 N. Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Florida 33714
Ph: 727-424-4100
Fax: 727-424-4100
www.psta.net



Florida Network of Disabilities

"Provide network of families and individuals who may be blind, have disabilities, or have special needs and their families, professionals, and community members."
2110 N. 1st St., Suite 1
Tampa, FL 33606
Ph: 813-224-4000
Fax: 813-224-4000
www.fnd.org



Florida Accessibility Center

"Serving people with all disabilities of all ages groups and their families in Florida's 12 counties."
1001 N. Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33711
Ph: 727-424-4100
Fax: 727-424-4100
http://www.flacenter.org



Department of Juvenile Justice

"Depending on a youth's placement, services may include various programs, intervention and assessment programs available through the Department of Juvenile Justice."
300 N. Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33714
Ph: 727-424-4100
http://www.djjfla.org



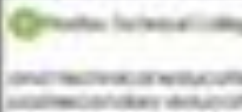
ServiceSource

"Offering rehabilitation and employment services to people with disabilities."
2110 N. 1st St., Suite 1
Tampa, FL 33606
Ph: 813-224-4000
Fax: 813-224-4000
www.servicetech.org



Center for Autism and Related Disabilities

"Provide support and assistance with the goal of helping the individual with autism, dual sensory impairment, and other disabilities."
1001 N. Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33711
Ph: 727-424-4100
Fax: 727-424-4100
http://www.carfla.org



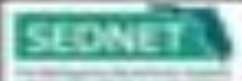
Florida Technical College

"Offer students flexible career and technical education. The college strongly emphasizes postsecondary education with over 40 exciting career areas and programs."
1001 N. Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33711
Ph: 727-424-4100
Fax: 727-424-4100
http://www.ftc.edu



St. Petersburg College

"Clean environment and college that offers AA, AS, BS and MS degrees as well as certificates and applied technology degrees. The college offers non-degree, non-credit courses. Students with documented disabilities who are otherwise qualified for college are eligible for classroom accommodations."
Ph: 727-424-4100
http://www.spc.edu



SEONET

"Multi-agency network for students with emotional/behavioral disabilities (SEONET) creates and facilitates a network of key professionals committed to assisting in the provision of a quality system of care for students with or without emotional and/or behavioral challenges."
300 N. Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33714
Ph: 727-424-4100
www.seonet.org

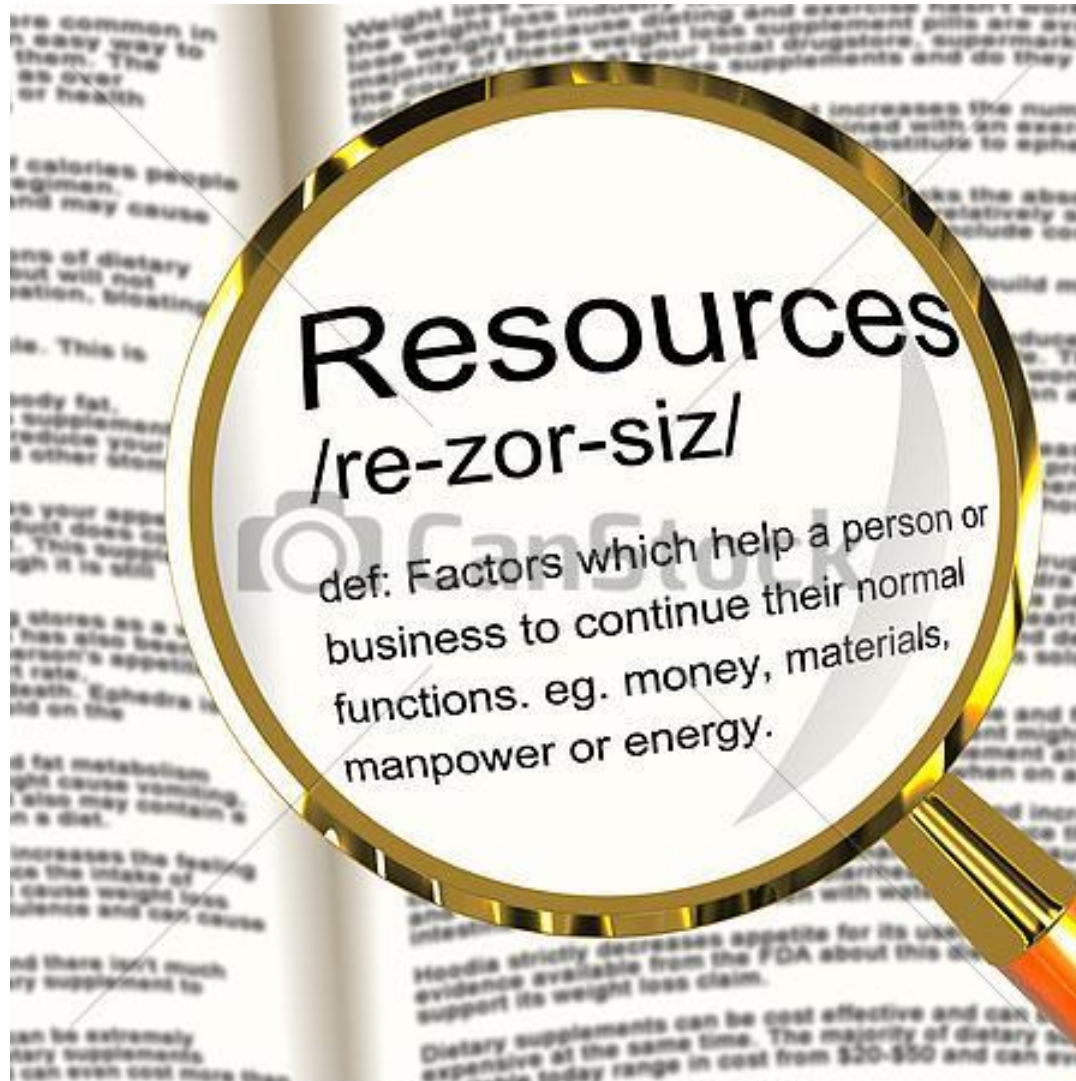


Project 10

"The mission of Project 10 Transition Education Network, entered in as Project 1014 is to assist Florida school districts and relevant stakeholders in building capacity to provide secondary transition services to students with disabilities in order to improve their academic success and postsecondary outcomes."
University of South Florida
300 N. Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33711
Ph: 727-424-4100
Fax: 727-424-4100
http://www.project10.net

Government Resources For Persons with Disabilities

- ❖ Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- ❖ Disability.Gov
- ❖ Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- ❖ National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE)
- ❖ National Council on Disability (NCD)
- ❖ Office for Civil Rights (OCR)
- ❖ Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)
- ❖ Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)
- ❖ Social Security Administration Disability Benefits
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ❖ Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)



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“Knowing where to find the resources takes you closer to where you want to be.”

Resources are Everywhere...Really😊

- Schools-Front Office, Classrooms , teacher communication, and school website
- District- Webpage www.pcsb.org, PCS Social Media outlets, Peachjar e-Flyers
- District- Connect All phone calls and text messages
- Departments & Offices- Individual Webpages
- PCS community partnerships/collaboration
- (Examples: PINCs, FDLRs ,FIN ,FND)

Federal & State Entities



US Department of Education
www.ed.gov

What Do I Need to Know...



Exceptional Student Education

Florida Administrative Code & Florida Administrative Register

Divisions

6A- 6 Special Programs I

6A – 7 Special Programs II

State Board of Education

Florida Rules

<https://www.flrules.org>

Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEESS)

- [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\)](#)
- [Parental Consent Form/Prior Written Notice \(fillable forms\)](#)
- [Publications & Presentations](#)
- [Statewide Meetings Related to Exceptional Student Education](#)
- [Technical Assistance Papers Memos and Notes](#)
- [The State Advisory Committee for the Education of Exceptional Students \(SAC\)](#)



Knowledge is Empowering



2018 ESE Parent Survey Results

Pinellas County Schools



What is the Florida Department of Education Indicator 8...

- Gauges a parents perception of how their child's school facilitated parent involvement
- Utilizes the “School’s Efforts to Partner with Parents Scale” (SEPPS) as the tool to collect parent input on annual basis (ESE Parent Survey)
- ESE Parent Survey State Report captures the results formatted based on Pre K and K-12.

ESE Parent Survey Data

Survey	ESE Membership	Survey's Completed	Response Rate
Pinellas Preschool	1,099	258	23.5%
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Very Strongly Agree to Very Strongly Disagree: District Preschool: Percentage Parents That Agreed with Each Item

• Top Three Items

- My child's evaluation report was written using words I understand.
- I am part of the IEP/IFSP decision making process.
- People from pre school special education, including teachers and other service providers respect my culture.

• Bottom Three Items

- People from preschool, special ed., including teachers and other service providers offer parents training about preschool special education.
- People from preschool, special education including teachers, and other service providers connect families with one another for mutual support.
- People from preschool, special education including teachers offer supports for parents to participate in training workshops.

Very Strongly Agree to Very Strongly Disagree

District K-12: Percentage of Parents that Agreed with Each Item

Top Three Items

- **Written information I receive is written in an understandable way.**
- **My child's IEP tells how progress towards goals will be measured.**
- **The principal sets a positive and welcoming tone in the school.**

Bottom Three Items

- **I was given information about organizations that offer support for parents of students with disabilities.**
- **The school explains what options parents have if they disagree with a decision of the school.**
- **The school offers parents training about ESE.**



District ESE Parent Services Staff Developer

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